Transmigration Passes for Indiang Living in the Border Areas

3087. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to issue transmigration passes in Jammu & Kashmir to the persons living near Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering to issue transmigration passes to the Indian nationals of other States; adjoining the international border;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) the expenditure likely to be incurred on issuance of such passes during the current year alongwith the number of persons to whom such passes is to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(B), (d) and (e) Do not arise.

Smuggling From Across the Pakistan Borders

3088. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that terrorists are smuggling arms from across the border in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any clue about the involvement of Pakistan has been noticed behind this;

(c) if so, the measures taken by Government to check it;

(d) the measures taken by Government to tighten the security ring for the extension of I-Creek in the West of Sir Creek and Koteshwar; and

(e) what is the progress achieved in the erection and construction of barbed wire fencing on Indo-Pak border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Government is aware that terrorists are trying to smuggle arms and ammunition in India through International border in connivance with Pak. Intelligence Agencies.

(c) Appropriate steps have duly been initiated by the Govt. to check infiltration of terrorists and smuggling of arms and ammunition through International border in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab and J&K, which includes fencing and flood lighting of vulnerable stretches and hightening of continued vigilence of the border by the Secrity Forces.

(d) The Water Wing of BSF is being strengthened for carrying out patrolling in the inland water of Creek.

(e) The position of border fencing along the Indo-Pak border is as below:

	Punjab	Rajsthan
(i) Target	433.992 Kms.	332.726 Kms.
(ii) Completed	390.854 Kms.	214.360 Kms.
(iii) In progress	43.068 Kms.	118.366Kms.

The work in progress is likely to be completed expeditiously Besides this, feasibility of constructing the fencing on the International border in Jammu & Kashmir is under examination of the Government.